

## Message Text

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TAGS: EAGR, ETRD, AS  
SUBJ: BAN ON MEAT EXPORTS LIFTED

1. SYDNEY WATERSIDE WORKERS ENDED THEIR BAN ON MEAT EXPORTS LATE FRIDAY AFTERNOON JUST EIGHT HOURS AFTER IT BEGAN. CONTAINERS ARE BEING LOADED AGAIN SO THE ONE DAY BAN WILL HAVE VIRTUALLY NO IMPACT. THE UNION RESERVED THE RIGHT, HOWEVER, TO TAKE FUTURE ACTION IF AN INQUIRY INTO RISING RETAIL BEEF PRICES IS NOT HELD WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME.

2. NO ANNOUNCEMENTS HAS AS YET BEEN MADE REGARDING A PRICES JUSTIFICATION TRIBUNAL (PJT) INQUIRY INTO THE BEEF INDUSTRY, BUT THE GOVERNMENT IS EXPECTED TO MAKE A STATEMENT ON THIS IN A FEW DAYS. DUE TO THE DIFFICULTIES OF CONDUCTING A FORMAL HEARING UNDER THE STRICT TERMS OF A PJT REFERENCE, THE GOVERNMENT WILL LIKELY OPT FOR AN INFORMAL INQUIRY ON VOLUNTARY BASIS WITH VARIOUS SEGMENTS OF THE INDUSTRY. THE HEARINGS WILL LIKELY BE CONDUCTED BY THE PJT, BUT OUTSIDE THE STRICT TERMS OF THE ACT. THE INQUIRY IS TO SEEK INFORMATION ON COSTS AND MARGINS AT ALL  
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LEVELS IN THE MEAT MARKETING CHAIN.

3. OFFICIALS ARE CONFIDENT THAT AUSTRALIA CAN SUPPLY ALL THE NEW ALLOCATION FOR THE U.S. MARKET PLUS SOME ADDITIONAL SHORTFALL DURING 1978, SHORT OF ANY UNFORESEEN LABOR DIFFICULTIES. ENOUGH SHIPPING SPACE IS AVAILABLE TO MOVE THE MEAT AND SUPPLIES ARE ESTIMATED TO BE ADEQUATE AS EXPORTERS

ARE NO LONGER SEEKING OTHER NEW OUTLETS. THE CORPORATION HAS  
RELEASED ALL OF THE NEW ALLOCATION FOR THE U.S. MARKET AS A  
PRO-RATA ADDITION TO EACH EXPORT'S ORIGINAL ALLOCATION FOR  
1978. AT THIS STAGE THERE IS CONSIDERABLE ENTITLEMENT IN THE  
SYSTEM.  
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